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January 18,06

Federal Election Commission 999 East E Street NW Washington, DC 20463

Attention: Ann Marie Terzaken

Assistant General Counsel

Re: MUR 5844

Dear Ms. Terzaken

Thank you for the opportunity to provide additional information related to the above complaint.

The checks received from Newmont Mining Corporation and Placer Dome America were deposited in the Silver State Leadership Fund's bank account on November 8, 2002. The checks were dated October 23, 2002, and October 17, 2002. If they were mailed they would have had to be postmarked prior to November 6, 2002, in order for the deposit to be made on November 8, 2002. Note that both of these contributions were addressed to the address of the Fund at 542½ Plumas Street, Reno, Nevada 89509.

We have able to locate a copy of Newmont's transmittal letter dated November 1, 2002, which we believe would have been the date of mailing of the check to the Fund. Also, we are of the belief that both companies were well aware of the change in rules regarding corporate contributions and endeavor to remain in compliance.

The monies raised were the result of a breakfast meeting at the offices of the National Mining Association in Washington, D. C., on October 10, 2002.

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As to the contribution from Management Technology – Fairfax Corporation, it was addressed to 2535 Kenny Lane, Reno, Nevada 89511. That address is the residence of James Gibbons instead of he Fund's office. That check was dated November 1, 2002, and we believe it was timely received. However, it was not deposited to the Fund's bank account until January 23, 2003. Because of the elapsed five (5) years since this transaction, we can offer no explanation as to why the delay occurred.

Finally, the prior treasurer of the Fund advises me that as a matter of normal practice, any time that a contribution was received where it was not clear whether the donation was from, a corporation or other type of entity, she would call to determine that answer. It is her belief that she did call regarding the contribution from the CalNeva Resort – Lake Tahoe and was advised that the entity was not a corporation.

For your records I am enclosing a copy of the invitation to the October breakfast meeting and a copy of Newmont's transmittal letter.

If I can provide any additional information, please advise.

very nury yours,

David W. Turner

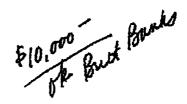
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Honorable James A. Gibbons





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SILVER STATE LEADERSHIP FUND

A STATE OF NEVADA POLITICAL ACTION COMMITTEE CREATED BY CONGRESSMAN JIM GIBBONS

(CORPORATE CONTRIBUTIONS ARE ACCEPTABLE)

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 10, 2002 8:00 AM - 9:30 AM

AT THE NATIONAL MINING ASSOCIATION

101 Constitution Avenue, NW Suite 500 East, Washington, DC 20001-2133

RSVP: BRIAN FUNK (202) 737-0700 BCFUNK@FURMANGROUP.COM

\$2,500 CORPORATE, \$1,000 PAC, \$500 INDIVIDUAL CONTRIBUTIONS SHOULD BE MADE PAYABLE TO

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November 1, 2002

Representative Jim Gibbons C/o Silver State Leadership Fund 542 ½ Plumas Street Reno, NV 89503

Dear Congressman Gibbons,

Enclosed is a check for \$10,000 from Newmont to help launch the Silver State Leadership Fund.

Your leadership and support of the mining industry, and especially your friendship, is deeply appreciated.

With every good wish,

CC: Robert Uthoven

Sincerely,

Mary Beth Donnelly

Enclosure